

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following amended claim listing replaces all prior versions of the claims in the application.

- 1-19. (Canceled)
20. (Previously presented) A method of preemptively inhibiting pain and inflammation at a wound during a surgical procedure, comprising delivering to a wound during a surgical procedure a solution comprising at least one tumor necrosis factor (TNF) soluble receptor, wherein the solution is applied locally and perioperatively to the surgical site.
21. (Canceled)
22. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 20, wherein the soluble receptor is selected from the groups of soluble receptors consisting of sTNFR and chimeric rhTNFR:Fc.
23. (Canceled)
24. (Canceled)
25. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 20, wherein the solution further comprises at least one additional pain/inflammation inhibitory agent selected to act on a different molecular target than the target upon which the soluble receptor acts.
26. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 20, comprising continuously applying the solution to the wound.
27. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 26, comprising continuously irrigating the wound with the solution.
28. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 20, wherein the solution is applied by irrigation of the wound.
29. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 20, wherein the solution is locally applied to the wound in the absence of metabolic transformation.